

Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday June 7, 2022 • 9:30 a.m. • Via Zoom

Present: Jackie Kerry, Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Helene Randle, Tracey Murray

Regrets: Candice Penny, Sandra Della Porta, Pam McLean-Stubbs, Melissa McLauchlan, Véronique Emery/Christina Clark, Micki Horton, Lindsay Milligan

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
Minute Recorder	• Julie Thompson, ECCDC		
1. Welcome & Intros			
2. Correspondence	• None received		
3. Minutes Approval: April 5, 2022	• No changes		
4. Business Arising	• Niagara College Virtual ECE Job Fair went smoothly, although they were hoping for more participation from centres. Students were given class time to view the videos.		
5. New Business	<p>Awards of Excellence Licensed Child Care Administrator Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Bol reached out to Jackie to ask if NCCSE would like to sponsor the award again this year for the first in person Awards of Excellence in 2 years. • Committee members discussed it and agreed to sponsor the award this year. The criteria on the nomination form was approved with no changes. • It was suggested maybe NCCSE could have a small table/their banner at the AOE. There could be a suggestion box to ask attendees what their most pressing needs are/what supports they need. 	Jackie will reach out to Niagara College about the possibility of getting a Benchmark gift certificate as a gift and to Kelly at ECCDC to let her know NCCSE will sponsor the award.	

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6. NCCSE Workplan discussion and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie sent questions by email in advance of this meeting so committee members could reflect before talking about the workplan (<i>What topics or items do you identify that NCCS can assist our Niagara child care community with? And How can NCCS support Niagara operators in ways/areas for which there is a gap?</i>) • Topics suggested: Canada-wide Early Learning Child Care Plan; Emergency Preparedness Planning (next steps) • It might be a good idea to “reintroduce” ourselves in the fall. There are a lot of new staff in child care centres now and we have not been active during the Pandemic. The group discussed sending a community-wide email which could contain our mission, what we were most recently working on (Emergency Preparedness), upcoming AOE award sponsorship. It was mentioned that we need to ensure the NCCSE website is up to date. The bulk is tentatively scheduled to go in late September/early October. Content will be discussed at September’s meeting. • Niagara Children’s Planning Council is starting again – reporting opportunities? • “Fireside Chat” was suggested (in person) for managers – something fun to support them. It was stated that they’re very stressed and burned out. Some suggested venues – Heartland Forest, Winery with firepits, Brock, a hotel in Niagara Falls (with outdoor gas/propane heaters) • Niagara Region Community Consultations seem to be covering the types of topics NCCSE used to cover. Hopefully the new director will continue these. 	<p>Julie will check to ensure all approved minutes have been added.</p>	
7. Facebook Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available, Candice not in attendance 		
8. Website Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran out of time, will be shared via email. 		
9. Round Table Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred 		

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10.Potential events & media opportunities	• N/A		
11.Next meeting	• Tuesday September 20 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom		